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(U) On February 26 we met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs Special Advisor, UN and WHO, Torril Wanvik to follow up on our request for information on Norway's contribution to the Global Polo Eradication Initiative. Wanvik told us that Norway's 2007 contribution to the GPEI would be the same as FY06 (USD 7.6 million). Norwegian funding for 2008 and beyond would be contingent on an external evaluation on the GPEI being conducted. Norway intends to advocate for such an evaluation at upcoming GPEI meetings. WHITNEY